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D. C. ESTIMATES CUT \$3,466,933 BY COMMITTEE

Reported Today Appropriates \$12,831,099.66 Exclusive of Water Department.

HALF-AND-HALF FIGHT

Sal Jy Increases Voted, But Not on Percentage Basis-Hundred News Jobs Provided.

Without including a provision to abolish the half-and-half plan-which attempted in District budgets for several years past—the House Committee on Appropriations reported today the District of Colum-bia appropriation bill for the fiscal

The estimates of the Commissioners were cut \$3,500,000, yet the bill carries numerous salary increases and more than one hundred new employments. Inclusive of the Water Department, the bill appropriates \$13,455, 829.66. Deducting appropriations for the Water Department, which is self-sustaining, the bill's total is \$12,831,000.66

No Automatic Increase. The bill carries no automatic percentage basis salary increases for all

emtage basis salary increases for all employes of the District receiving less than \$1,800, as was provided in the legislative, executive and judicial bill reported last week.

The performance in the House Saturday when the Rules Committee reported a special rule opening the salary question to wholesale amendment, is believed to have "scared off" the Appropriations Committee and prevented it from inserting a percentage basis increase in the District budget.

Originally it was intended to follow the example set in the legislative bill and include a higher salary rider in all the supply bills, but members of the Appropriations Committee feel that the House is showing a disposition to "run away with" the salary question and overrise the committee plan for slight increases.

Surplus Advice Ignored. The District bill contains no refer ence to the recommendation of the Commissioners that they be permitted

Commissioners that they be permitted to apply the surplus revenues of the District toward the payment of the municipal debt. In the absence of such legislation, the surplus simply will accumulate.

In the Fire Department the office of sergeant is created, and there are salary increases all along the line.

The fact that this is a short session of Congress, and there is no time for another squabble over the half-and-half controversy, is understood to have persuaded the Appropriations Committee not to include a section attacking the organic law of 1878. The half-and-half, plan apparently is safe for another year.

Important Riders. Legislative "riders" of far-reaching

bill. Briefly, they include: Creation of a license board to handle license questions now belonging to the office of the tax assessor. Provision for an annual tax on au mobiles, in lieu of a license tag fee. A requirement that "true considera-tion" shall be given in all deeds filed in the District. Legislation increasing the powers of

the Commissioners to remove from of-fice the assessor and board of assist-ant assessors. Transfer to the tax col-lector of certain duties of the asses-A new highway plan for the Barry

Broadening of the law relating to assessment of benefits under condem-nation proceedings.

The District bill will be taken up in the House on Wednesday, according to present plans, and debate will be concluded tomorrow on the legislative, executive and judicial budget.

Quarter Million Increase. The District bill appropriates \$12, \$31,099,66, exclusive of the amount for the Water Department, which is payable out of the water revenues. This appropriation is approximately \$255,000 more than appropriated for the current fiscal year, but represents a

U. S. HOLDS NOBLEMAN

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Mystery Surrounds Detention at Ellie Island of Baron Oppenheim.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 .- After spending the time since his arrival in port ing the time since his arrival in port on the liner Noordam under guard, locked in his stateroom, Baron Robert E. Oppenheim, of Paris, today was taken to Ellis Island for examination, aystery has surrounded the detention of Baron Oppenheim, and the cause of his detention is not yet

A two months' tour of the United States in connection with some bank-ing business is the purpose for which Baron Oppenheim says he came to

SCHOLBOYS CONSCRIPTED

Prussian Province of Schleswig Puts Them in Railway Yards.

LONDON, Dec. 18 .- A Reuter dis patch from Copenhagen says that he government of Schleswig, Prussia, has proclaimed civil conscription of schoolboys.

They will be used particularly for railroad work and the loading and unloading of trucks.

CURB ON BRIGHT'S DISEASE

Post-Graduate Hospital Discovers Method of Blood Analysis.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Post-Graduate Hospital announces that it has discovered methods of blood an-alysis which make it possible to diag-nose cases of incipient Bright's dis-ese and thus enable physicians to be win treatment early. ese and thus enable physicians to be gin treatment early.

It is reasonable to believe, says the report, that when incipient Bright's disease has made its presence known restricted diet and careful living will prolong the lives of many persons.

NO INAUGURAL BALL, WILSON ANNOUNCES

Definitely Tells Callers That There Will Be No Such Function This Year.

President Wilson definitely stated callers today that there will be no inaugural ball.

The President had nothing to say about the question of a substitute for the inaugural ball. His mind is understood to be open on this question. The President will have a conference with Col. Robert N. Harper, chairman of the inaugural committee. chairman of the inaugural committee, late this week, and this question of holding some other social function to take the place of the time-honored inaugural ball will then be discussed. The President's definitely formed decision in opposition to the inaugural ball became known at the resumption of conferences with the newspaper men.

It also became definitely known that the President has not fully made up his mind with respect to the question of an all-year Saturday half-holiday for Government clerks. He is still considering this matter, but is not yet ready to announce a decision.

WILSON PUTS BAN ON TALK OF PEACE

President at Newspaper Conference Urges Silence Now. Expects R. R. Legislation.

Two-score newspaper men blazed way at President Wilson with interrogations on every Governmental topic today, when he met them for the first time on more than a year for formal conference in his executive office. The President opened up by banging The President opened up by banging the lid down on any peace talk. He let it be known the subject would be regarded as a sacred one, and nothing should be said or done that might be misconstrued or that might arouse speculation as to this Government's possible course in the closing scenes of the war.

It was generally believed by those who attended the conference that the United States now is doing nothing—inst awaiting what may follow receipt of the German proposal by the allied governments.

Covers Many Topics.

For thirty minutes the President touched on every "internal" from universal training to the tariff let it be known that his attitude on universal training is depend

tude on universal training is dependent entirely upon the plan which might be presented.

The essential thing in his mind is how to work out such an institution. It is not believed the Chamberlain bill covers all necessary ground. And in the meantime the federalized militia plan has not been thoroughly enough tried out to convince the President of the fifth of the sible a failure or such that it is although a failure or such that it is although the sible a failure or such that it is although the sible of th dent that it is either a failure or suc

On the Mexican situation the Gov ernment is now culling over suggestiche from General Carranza, made before the American Mexican peace comdon, meeting at Philagelphia t

The President let it be known he expects his recommendations to Conimportance are carried in the District gress regarding clearing up the rail road legislation to go through. extra session would be necessary only

extra session would be necessary only in case a sufficient amount of the recommendations were omitted to make the program worthless.

It is clear the Government is devoting much attention to means for raising revenues for the next fiscal year.
Convinced that bond issues are not good business except in emergencies, the President and his Cabinet are formulating their ideas as to how the money can be secured.

If necessary, the President will go before Congress to discuss the details of possible additional taxation.

International questions the President declined to discuss and closed the conference, with the formal announcement there would be no inaugural bail.

During the conference the President stool behind his desk with the newspapermen arrayode in a semicircle before him. He wore a dark business suit and looked far from the sixty years he will round out December 28.

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In Jesting Mood.

The President greeted the horde of correspondents with the laughing remark that they seemed to be recruit ed "up to full war strength." opened the conference himself by exopened the conference himself by explaining for the benefit of those who had not attended similar meetings before they were discontinued when international relations prevented frank discussions, more than a year ago, what rules he wished observed.

Then, after explaining his position on refusing to answer questions concerning international developments, the President suid he is ready for the interrogatory fire.

It started forthwith and left him continually replying to questions until 1 o'clock.

GIVE THREE DAYS OF LIFE

Boy Murderers Hurry Executions to Save Xmas Woe.

OSSINING, N. Y., Dec. 18,-Would you give three days of your life to make your mother's Christmas less

Two condemned men in Sing Sing death house will die in the electric chair at dawn tomorrow, at their own request, to accomplish just that. Charley Kumrow, twenty, and Stanley J. Millstein, nineteen, need not have walked through "the little green door" until Friday morning. But when they learned that their bodies would arrive home on Christmas day, and that there was slight probability Governor Whitman would commute Governor Whitman would consider of their sentences, they asked warden Moyer to let them die Tues

They will be electrocuted tomorrow morning.

Kumrow was condemned for killing

Kumrow was condemned for killing a tugboat captain in Buffalo. Millstein was sentenced to death for murdering a policeman in Utica.

"If we are killed on Friday or Saturaay our bodies will get home about Christmas Day," they told the warden. "This would ruin that day for our parents, our brother and sisters. If we are executed on Theaday, by Friday we will have been buried, and by Christmas our relatives will have pulled themselves together."

British Battleship Flashes Warning From Off Sandy Hook.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The presence of a German commerce raider in the Atlantic was again indicated to day when a British battleship, off Sandy Hook, flashed a warning to shipping. It did not describe the suspected vessel.

5 MADE HAPPY IN ONE FAMILY BY SINGLE GIFT

One of Fourteen Christmas Opportunities Closed by Contribution of \$78.

ANOTHPR PRESENT OF \$42

Other Cases Show Real Sacrifices-Working Woman "Does Her Bit."

Opportunities are notoriously shortlived.

The Christmas Opportunities of the Associated Charities are likely to be

Opportunity No. 7 was closed today, when one gentleman sent in \$78, the entire amount asked for this family.

Previously, 39 had been acknowledged for this opportunity, so it really is oversubscribed.

Family Made Happy.

As a result of this contribution a blind father and four motherless girls were made happy. In six months the second oldest girl will finish a course at a vocational training school. Then she will become breadwinner of the

family.

The oldest daughter has developed into an exceptional housekeeper. Besides being the homemaker, she also taks in laundry work.

One contributor today sent in \$42, to be distributed by giving \$3 to each exportunity.

Look Forward to Pleasure

Employes of A. Eberly's Sons sent check for \$21, with a letter, stat-ing, "the fourteen opportunities being one of the pleasures that our em ployes look forward to.

ployes look forward to."

A woman who sends \$1 for opportunity No. I states: "I wish I could do more to help you in your work, but I am a working woman myself, and not able to do much."

Reports were made in past years to those who gave to the opportunities, and the fact that these contributors felt that the money was well spent was attested by contributions from a number of them today.

Several examples of genuine self-denial are coming to light.

Pool Xmas Money. Two friends who usually exchange presents are pooling the money they would have spent for each other and giving it to the opportunities.

The total amount received toward the total amount represented in the opportunities, \$5.794, is \$386. Only seven days remain until Christmas. (Continued on Seventh Page.)

PROTECT SANTA CLAUS!

tant Don'ts to Guard Fires at Xmas Time.

"Do not decorate your Christmas tree with paper, cotton, or any other infammable material. "Do not use cotton to represen

"Do not permit children to light candles while parents are not present."

These are a few of the warnings contained in the holiday fire bulletin of the National Fire Protection Association, being circulated by insurance men of Washington.

The four page bulletin contains pictures of blazes caused by Christmas carelesaness in store and home. It contains a special warning for stores, churches and bazaars.

"Watch gas jets! Decorations may be carried against them by air currents," the bulletin cautions.

Other admonitions are against seaving matches within reach of children at holiday time and leaving trees inside buildings after the holidays. They became dry and are highly inflammable then, it is stated.

TWO MOTOR CARS STOLEN

Joyriders' Attempt to Take Third Automobile Folled.

Joyriders stole two automobiles last night, and were foiled in an attempt to take a third machine. The roadster of William H. Simp son, of 1815 M street northwest, was taken from in front of 1501 Eight eenth street northwest, between 4 and

7 o'clock yesterday evening.
E. R. Messick, of 1224 Massachu-setts avenue northwest, told the po-lice that his touring car disappeared from in front of a downtown theater An elevator boy in an apartment house at 1735 New Hampshire avenue northwest, frightened off two young white men whom he caught attempt ing to steal the automobile of N. D. last night.

CLOTHING STRIKERS MARCH

Gather in Early Cold and Parade to

Shops for Picket Duty. NEW YORK, Dec. 18 .- In the cold sweeping winds of early morning some 45,000 striking clothing workers gathered at their halls and marched to their places of employment, where they were to do massed picket duty

But few manufacturers of clothing Hut few manufacturers of clothing have attempted to open their fac-tories, according to the statement of Herbert C. Ansorge, president of the American Clothing Manufacturers. Only a very few shops, where non-union labor is employed, are attempt-ing operation, he said.

SUBMARINE OFF COAST

BY AN OVERWHELMING VOTE PAGE DELIVERS NOTE ON PEACE

British Premier Better, Ready to Spurn Terms Suggested by Germany.

AT PARLIAMENT TOMORROW

People of Nation Squarely Back of Prime Minister in Refusing Offer.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—American American Page today delivered the German peace note to the British for

Ambassador Page fulfilled his mis sion without making any comment on Premier Lloyd-George hoped to ge

out today and resume practically all of his duties after his illness of nearly a week. It seemed certain he would be able to address the House of Commons tomorrow, outlining the policy of the new government, and stating Britain's view of Germany's peace proposals.

With Lloyd-George.

Lloyd-George will find the pulse of the British people beating in unison with that of the war council if, as is expected, he meets the German plan expected, he meets the German pan with an unqualified rafusal.

Interest is intense here today in the reply the premier will make to Bethmann-Hollweg's peace proposals and his discussion of the fool problem and the question of man-power.

The temper of the British people toward peace was indicated when a huge mob yesterday attacked Sylvia Pankhurst as a "pacifist."

Tried Peace Rally. With a group of her sympathizers Miss Pankhurst attempted to hold a "demonstration" at the East India dock gates to demand peace. An angry

crowd quickly gathered and rushed Miss Pankhurst and her party from Police interference put an end to the demonstration, but a jeering crowd followed the women to police head-quarters, where the prisoners were held under bail for examination by a magistrate.

It is generally expected Lioyd George will give a brief and compre hensive review of the war in his Parliament apeech, and will optline what has been accomplished under the old regime, and what he expects to accomplish through the war council.

Comment on the more intimate in cidents which led to the recently go ernmental upheaval and placed Lloy George at the head of the cabinet not expected

KAISER ASKS AID, ROME HEARS ROME, Dec. 18 .- The Central powers have urged the Pope and the United States of America to back up their peace proposals, according to a report in circulation here today.

BRITISH EAT LESS

Public Good Humoredly Accepts

New Economy Law. LONDON, Dec. 18.-Food control went into effect throughout England

today. Regulations curtailing meals, which became effective this morning, were met by the British people with a sort

met by the British people with a sort of schoolboy good humor, entirely tolerant and uncomplaining.
"I eat too much anyway. The food control will help me reduce."
This expression indicated general sentiment as the naw regulations became operative. A few lovers of food have devised "trick menus," which circumvent the purposes of the food curtailment, but compliance with the new rulings is general.

Questions galora have been raised by the regulations and their operation. One of the problems which faced the Londoner at dinner was whether two helpings from one course constituted two courses, for the number of courses is limited by the hew law.

BIDDLE VISITS SUNDAY

ourses is limited by the new

Bible Class Leader is "Added At traction at Boston Tabernacle.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 18 .-- A. brexel Biddle, of Philadelphia, was an "added feature" at Billy Sunday tabernacie last night. He headed tabernacie last night. He headed a delegation of 150 members of the Drexel Biddle Bible classes of Greater Boston, led by some singing and cheering at the preliminary song service, presented to Sunday 4 big bouquet of chrysanthemums and washeartly thanked by the revivalist from the rostrum.

After the Bible class delegation was seated "Tony" mounted a bench and made a few complimentary remarks on the Boston campaign. He then made his floral presentation. Sunday thanked him and praised his work for Christianity and his Bible classes.

BULGARS SWEEP ROUMANIA

Advance Through Both Dobrudja and Eastern Wallachia.

SOFIA, Dec. 18 .- Advance of Bulgarian troops in both Dobrudja and eastern Wallachia was announced in today's official report. In Dobrudja vanced to the line from Lake Golo viza to Testamel, Doeran, and Do The statement said the troops were now advancing River Calmatinul, in Rou-

Atlantic Coast Line, the Standard Railroad of the South. I trains daily, 1406 New York ave. N.W.

JAPS AND BRITISH MENACE U.S., GEN. SCOTT TELLS SENATORS

SMOOT DRY BILL IS BEATEN

Chief of Staff Declares Country Needs Army of 1,500,000 Because of Island Empires Pact.

Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army today ripped the lid off the pot of opinion which army staff and line men have rewed over the border duty service

of the national guard.

General Scott also voiced the army man's viewpoint of the system of national defense new in vogue in this country. He declared that under presnt conditions the coalition of Great Britain and Japan could easily whip

Britain and Japan.

the United States.

Going into some of the secret workings of the Army War College plan for adequate defense Scott told the subcommittee of the Chamberlain Senate Military Committee that where it was once believed 500,000 men valiable at the outset of any hostilities in which this nation engaged, would be sufficient "as a starter," lessons learned from the European war led staff officials to decide this initial staff offici

trained troops.

"The gameral staff, at the outset of the European war." said Scott. "gave as its opinion that our system should be able to furnish 500.000 fully trained and organized mobile troops at the outbreak of a war, and to have at least 500.000 more available within ninety days thereafter.

"In its report, the general staff pointed out that two hostile expeditions alone would provide a force large enough to cope with our 1,009.000 mobile troops, and that we must at the outset, provide a system to raise an dtrain, in adition, 500,000

troops to replace the clases and wastage in personnel incident to the war.
Flowever, in view of the changes
that have taken place since the outbreak of the European war, the question has been restudied. We all agree
that our system should now be able
to furnish in round numbers 1,500,000
trained and organised troops at the
outset and 1,500,000 additional within
ninety days thereafter.

Increases by Britain

"This is partly due to the fact that one of the powers involved in the

"It should be pointed out also that our Northern neighbor is in alliance

SHOPLIFTERS KEEP YOUTH "CONFESSED" TO PLEASE POLICE D. C. COURTS BUSY

5-Year-Old Boy Says He Admitted "Murdering" Chum Under Third Degree.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 18. Of curse Shoplifters are clogg I didn't kill him. But the polls very justice in the District, not satisfied with the truth. Set told Owing to the great them I had killed him to please them. Iffing arrests within the them I had killed him to please them. Ifting arrests within the past few days, When they had finished questioning the District Attorney's office has found

way."

his "confession."

Had No Dispute. Barrett admitted he had no dispute with Klein. In the presence of Brother Paul, in charge of the school, he

attributed the confession he made to the "third degree" methods he alleges detectives put him through.
"Here I am, mother, and I'm very
much alive." shouted Kiein, almost hysterically, as he embraced his mother, Mrs. Annie M. Klein, upon his arrival.

"That 'Dick' Barrett lied about me, mother," declared young Klein. "Why, he never even hit me. I bet that story he told of having brained me has worker.

Hann't Seen Him Since June. It was the first time Mrs. Klein had seen or heard of her son since June 5 except what she had read in the news papers of the story of his having been

siain, as told by Barrett.

Klein said he had no quarrel whatever with Barrett when they parted at Pen-Mar. He reiterated the story that after leaving Barrett he went to Washington, obtained employment on Washington, obtained employment on a canal boat, and then went to Cum-berland, where he worked for the Vang Construction Company, living in the home of Peter Martz, the foreman.

WILL TEACH PARENTHOOD

Mrs. A. K. Anderson Will Address

Sunday School Institute. "Teaching Fathers and Mothers the Duties of Parenthood" is to be the theme of an address by Mrs. A. K Anderson, of St. Alban's parish, at meeting of the Sunday school institute of the diocese of Washington, at Trinity parish hall, Third street and Indiana avenue northwest, at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow evening.

W. W. Millan, superintendent of the Sunday school of Mt. Vernon M. K. Church South, also is to speak. His theme is to be "The Co-operative Spirit in Sunday School Work." Mr. Millan was for fifteen years president of the Sunday School Association of the District of Columbia. the District of Columbia.

The meeting tomorrow night is especially for teachers in the Sunday schools in the diocese of Washington and for parents in the various par-isles. Cards announcing the meeting were distributed yesterday in all the Episcopal Sunday schools in the Dis-

BONDS FOR U. S. SEIZED. LONDON, Dec. 18 .- The prize court

today confiscateed, under the reprisals order. German stocks and bonds valued at 30,000 marks (about \$7,146) were seized on route to Commercial Savings Bank

with a powerful Oriental nation-an ther island empire-and for (Continued on Seventh Page.)

Police Average Half Dozen Arrests Daily in Shopping

Owing to the great number of shopsaible to file these cases for court along with the other routine cases on the morning for which

Such was the statement today of fifteen-year-old Richard Barrett, who confessed recently that he had "murdered" him chum, "Charlie" Klein. Klein returned yesterday from Cumberland, Md., where he has been almost ever since his "murder."

As soon as it was learned that young Klein was alive, reporters hurried to St. Mary's Industrial School where Barrett had been confined since his "confession."

Foutline cases on the morning for which they are presented.

District Attorney Ralph Given so informed Judge Mullowney at the adjournment of the United States branch of the Police Court this morning.

In the past four or five days the police have averaged more than half a dozen arrests a day, some of the District Attorney? office has a record of eight strests made Saturday.

Keeping Down Shoplifting. "The flying pelice squadron," ganized by Major Pullman for the holiday protection of department stores, is given credit for most of the

stores, is given credit for most of the arrests by Mr. Given.

"The 'flying squadron' seems to be doing great work." he said, "most of the complaints and arrests being made by members of this squad. Not only are they making arrests, but they seem to be keeping the professional shoplifters out of the city,

"Some of the cases in our office show that the alleged defendants are 'repeaters.' For the most part, however, the arrests are for petty shopligting, such as stealing neckties." ever, the arrests are for petty shop-ligting, such as stealing neckties, handkerchiefs, and other small arti-cles. Mrs. Farling, the police woman, is giving an exceptionally good uc-count of herself in picking up this class of thieves."

Mr. Given declared the merchantal had given every evidence of intending to prosecute all cases.

Many Rounded Up.

shoplisting work started shortly after the holiday goods were placed on the counters, around the first of the month," said Mr. Given. but it was not until within the last week that it amounted to anything. Since then the police have kept Assistant District Attorney Todd, myself, and other members of the office busy to keep up with the court in handling these cases along with the other routine cases that come up."

The District Attorney's office will make investigations in the shoplifting cases are the shoplifting cases. ing cases and prepare the papers them as rapidly as the work can

NOLAN IS CONFIDENT

Tells Californians Outlook is Bright for Clerks' Measure.

Confidence that Congress will vote an increase in salaries to Governmen clerks was voiced by Congressmar John I. Nolan of California, in address ing the monthly meeting of the Cali

clerks was voiced by Congressman John I. Nolan of California, in addressing the monthly meeting of the California State Association at the Ebbitt last night.

The Federal Government, Mr. Nolan said, should do as much for the clerks as the large-corporations are doing for their employes. Mr. Nolan added that the outlook is bright for the 83 minimum wage bill of which he is the author.

A committee was named to conferwith Chairman Harper to arrange for a large representation for California in the inaugural parade. The following officers were elected:

Congressman John I. Nolan, president; John T. Waldorff, first vice president; A. B. Foster, second vice president; Mrs. John E. Raker, third vice president; Mrs. Marie H. Smith fourth vice president; Mrs. Nellie Rapley, financial secretary; C. T. Vogel, treasurer; A. J. Boyer, historian, and the Rev. Marshall Mott, chaplain.

Substitute for Sheppard Measure is Killed by 8 Yeas to 61 Nays.

NOT A TEST BALLOT

Friend and Foe of Prohibition Unite Against Drastic Provisions.

FINAL ACTION LIKELY TODAY

Referendum Amendment Alone to Be Passed on Before Original Bill.

Shortly after taking up the District prohibition bill today the Senate by an overwhelming vote turned down Smoot substitute for the Sheppard

The vote was 8 year to 61 nays. The only Senators who voted for the moot substitute were Ashurst, Brady, Curtis, Gronna, Reed, Smoot, Thomp-son, and Works.

Not a Test Vote.

The vote was in no respect a test as to whether the Sheppard bill will pass. The Smoot substitute was drastic measure intended to make the District so dry that even personal use of liquor would have been an offense and prohibited under severe penalties.

Most of the friends of the Sheppard bill took the view that however meritorious the Smoot substitute might be in the abstract, practically, it could not be forced through Congress and certainly would fail.

Friend and For Unite. Therefore, they voted against it. The opponents of prohibition and most of the friends of prohibition found themselves united against the

tor Reed.

tor Reed.

Within a few minutes after the Smoot substitute bill was defeated. Senator Underwood brought up his referendum amendment to the Sheppard bill.

Senator Underwood discussed the amendment, and strongly urged that the people of the District ought to have a valce its saying whether the probabilities is thous prevail.

Senator Boran and others proposed amendments to the referendum smeadment.

Long Debate In Sight. Indications are that a long debate will mark the consideration of the

fore the Senate. The prohibition bill will pass, it is claimed, but it is doubt ful just how the Senate stands on the referendum. Senator Kern's amend-ment for suffrage also causes compilcations.

Senator Reed offered an amendment intended to strike at the manufacture of alcohol in the District for export. Under the bil ithe Corby company would be enabled to manufacture alcohol and ship it out for others for beverage purposes.

Senator Reid objects to this, and in a speech declared it as favoritism.

Paying for Election. Senator Reid, after introducing his amendment and speaking in favor of it, withdrew it temporarily to re-

write it.
One of the provisions in the Underwood referendum would require all of the expenses by the referendum election to be paid out of the funds of the District. Senator Gallinger thought the half-and-half principle should prevail. Senator Underwood took the position that as the question was a purely local one the expense should be paid from the District funds entirely.

CAPT. WATT DEAD OF FALL

Head of No. 6 Truck Company Suc cumbs to Injuries. Capt. C. A. Watt, of No. 6 truck company, died this morning at Gar-

field Hospital as the result of injuries

received from a fall from a stepladder Thursday.

Captain Watt was hanging up the harness in the harness room when the ladder slipped. His collar bone was broken, and he received a fracture of the skull. He was removed to Garneld Hospital, where he was operated upon by Dr. Charles White, He never receivered consciousness.

recovered consciousness.

Captain Wait was forty-five years old and a member of the Fire Department nineteen years. On July 1, 1902, he was made lieutenant and on December 21, 1908, was promoted to captain. He leaves a wife and daugh-Officials and members of the Fire Department expressed deep regret to-day at his death.

"Captain Watt was one of the most valued men in the service," said Chief Frank J. Wagner. "His loss will be deeply felt."

Captain Watt's home was at 21 S street northwest.

street northwest

GERARD KEEPS COUNSEL 'Very Interested" His Only Comment on Peace Proposals. CHRISTIANA, Dec. 18 .- "I'm cer

tainly very interested," was all U. S.

Ambassador Gerard, en route back to his post at Berlin, would say today when newspaper men sought to ques-tion him on the German peace propo-Gerard arrived on the Scandina-vian-American liner Frederik VIII.

LITTLE FIGHTING ON WEST BERLIN (via Sayville wireless), Dec. 18,-"No important events," today's German official statement's report on the western front fighting.
"There was little fighting in the Somme and Meuse sectors," the report centinued.